

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing amendment and favorable consideration of the subject application is respectfully requested in view of the following comments.

The amendment to the specification inserts the required cross reference to related applications in order to maintain the claim for priority herein.

Claims 1-26 of the prior parent application 09/857,868 were subject to restriction in which claims 1-14 were elected for prosecution. Accordingly, claims 1-14 have been cancelled herein.

Claims 15-18 depended from claims 1-14 and have herein been cancelled and rewritten as new claims 27-40 presenting the ink jet recording medium of the present invention. Old claim 15 corresponds to new claim 27, old claim 16 corresponds to new claim 32, old claim 17 corresponds to new claim 33 and old claim 18 corresponds to new claim 39.

Claims 19-25 are unchanged.

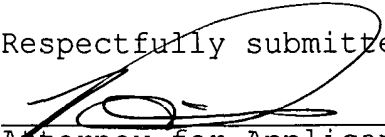
Claim 26 has been cancelled.

Accordingly, claims 19-25 and 27-40 are herewith presented for examination.

Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been entered in this amendment and that the subject application is in condition for allowance.

An early notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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